

**MINUTES OF THE:
WALNUT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
December 28, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

Township Officials present:

Trustees Terry W. Horn, William R. Yates and Douglas G. Leith and Fiscal Officer Jane Baker.

Department Heads present:

Fire Chief - Robert Price

Other Township employees present:

Barb Martin and Pam Shaloo, Fiscal Clerks.

Chris Redd, Patrick Red and Rob Robertson – Walnut Township Fire Department

Number of members of the public present: 8

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Yates and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Advertised Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of this meeting was to consider the Fire Department salary schedule for 2022, Interview candidates for Property Inspector and Recording Secretary, Compensation for Road Supervisor, and New Township Email setup

Discussion:

Fire Department salaries for 2022. Chief Price wants to ensure the budget provides for six (6) persons on duty at all times. Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Horn to accept hourly rates proposed by Chief Price of \$16.00/hr. for medics; \$14.00/hour for basic EMT's; firefighters \$12/hour; Asst. Chief \$20 /hour; Battalion Chief \$19; Captains \$18.25 /hour; Lieutenants \$17.50 /hr. Administrative hours; 1500 hours Assistant Chief, 1000 hours Battalion Chief, 500 hours for Captains and Lieutenants effective January 2, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Yates. Discussion ensued. Roll call – 3 yes votes.

Property Inspector candidate - Scott Arnold. Scott provided resume to trustees. Summary of background, DSCC contractor in Columbus. One (1) Term as trustee in Rush Creek Township from 2000-2004 – ability to relate to various people. Trustee Horn went through Property Maintenance handbook with Scott. Scott will be in Florida in January and February. Scott stated that follow up is the key to a successful department.

There was discussion about the position being contract or hourly. The position will be approximately 40 hours a month not to exceed \$12,000 per year. Motion by Trustee Horn to hire Scott, subject to clean background check and drug test beginning January 1 at a rate of \$16/hour as a part-time employee, second by Trustee Leith. Roll call – 3 yes votes.

Recording Secretary candidate – Diane Powell. Spoke with trustees about her background. Teaching experience in Columbus, worked in Dept of Defense schools in Germany, Sicily and Spain, Lesley University. Motion by Trustee Horn to hire Diane at \$15.00/hour to take minutes at Trustees meetings, Zoning Board Meetings (2), and EMS Safety meetings, second by Trustee Yates. Roll call – 3 yes votes.

Road Supervisor – Nate Wagner’s 6-month probationary period runs through February 9, 2022. evaluation to last 1 year. The new health insurance increase cost to employees from 15% to 20% will cost Nate an additional \$77 per month based on his current premiums. Discussion will be tabled until reorganization meeting.

Township Email setup brief discussion on new provider, there are a few challenges getting setup.

Adjournment: At 7:33 PM, Trustee Yates made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Minutes Recorded By: Diane Powell, recording secretary

Jane Baker, Fiscal Officer

William R. Yates, Chairman

Terry W. Horn, Vice Chairman

Douglas G. Leith